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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

CHIEF SECRETARIAT

Orders that the maximum age limit for Nurses be fixed at 40 years for purpose of recruitment as a temporary measure.

READ—

Government Order No. E. 4757-842—R. & P. S. 57-47-5, dated 25th November 1948, directing that in the case of women candidates seeking appointments in Government service, the age limit be fixed at 40 years as a general rule.

2. Government Order No. E. 4375-470—R. & P. S. 34-50-2, dated 7th July 1952, issuing instructions in the matter of giving equal opportunities to women for appointments to the public services in the State.

3. Government Order No., E. 12943-13043—R. & P. S. 20-53-2, dated 4th December 1953, ordering that the maximum age limit for women candidates be fixed at twenty-eight years uniformly for purposes of recruitment to Government service.

4. Letter No. G.C. 559-1, dated 5th February 1954, from the Director of Medical Services in Mysore, Bangalore, stating that it has been found very difficult to procure the required number of Nurses due to the age restriction imposed upon the women candidates in Government Order dated 4th December 1953, read above and requesting that the age limit of Nurses for appointment in Government service may be relaxed for the present, as a temporary measure and fixed at 40 years, till the recruitment position of this category of staff (Nurses) improves in the Department.

5. Un-official No. G. 159—54-55—P.S.C., dated 30th June 1954, from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, stating that the Public Service Commission is of opinion that the recommendation of the Director of Medical Services in Mysore, Bangalore, to fix 40 years as the upper age limit for recruitment of Nurses may be accepted.

ORDER No. E. 6707-807—R. & P. S. 20-54-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 23RD AUGUST 1954.

It is ordered that the maximum age limit for Nurses be fixed at forty years, for purposes of recruitment to Government service as a temporary measure.

N. PUTTARANGASWAMY,
Chief Secretary to Government.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT

Annual Report on the Administration of the State Accounts Department for the year 1952-53.

READ—

Letter No. 519—CSA, dated 9th March 1954, from the Controller, and State Accounts Department, Bangalore, forwarding the Annual Report on the administration of the State Accounts Department for the year 1952-53.

ORDER No. Fl. (B) 6162-5—L.F.A. 9-54-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 3RD AUGUST 1954.

Recorded.

2. (a) Sri Mohamed Rahmathulla, M.A., LL.B., assumed charge as Controller, State Accounts Department on 19th April 1952, and continued in charge of the department during the year under report. There was a shortage of Gazetted staff on relief of the officers of the Indian Audit and Accounts Department who were on deputation in the State Accounts Department. To man the several posts thus left vacant, some of the senior Superintendents were tentatively promoted to act as Assistant Controllers pending the finalisation of the question of making permanent arrangement in the Gazetted cadre.

(b) The department continued to face shortage of S.A.S. Superintendents as a number of them were taken over by the Indian Audit consequent on the bifurcation of the staff of the composite Audit and Accounts Department between the Central and State Governments. To meet the urgent need of personnel in this cadre, I Grade clerks who had passed the Accountants' Examination were placed in charge of the duties of Superintendents. The paucity of I Grade clerks, as in the previous year, was keenly felt, as many of the candidates assigned by the Public Service Commission to the unit of the State Accounts Department did not join duty. The recruitment position was however better than in the previous year. In the field of Audit, again, there was need for experienced staff and the department had to push through several items of work with the available staff including the pensioners, 27 in number, re-employed under special orders of Government.

3. *New Items of Work.*—Audit of Sales Tax was entrusted to this department. The audit of arrears of the accounts of the several Local Bodies was also undertaken by the department and this work was commenced in December 1952.

4. *Local Fund Audit.*—The accounts of 118 Local Fund Institutions were audited during the year under report and several cases of misappropriation and irregularities mainly due to lack of proper vigilance and effective supervision were brought to light.

5. *Corporation Audit.*—To secure a more efficient audit of its transactions and provide for a sounder financial control of the Corporation on the administrative side, a scheme of accounting and audit has been under examination and, in the meantime, the system of pre-audit is continued.